

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

5281

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/28/2005

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/28/2007

7. Expected Term Date

08/09/2007

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

08/09/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary's Decision Memorandum

13. Effective Date

05/07/1999

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

07/10/2007

Report Title

2006 Annual Report of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 2 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program, its organization, its budget, and its programs.	01/30/2007	01/30/2007
Review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the ATP, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies set forth by the President and Congress.	05/15/2007	05/15/2007

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$8,091.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,355.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$9,446.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice on ATP programs, plans, and policies; reviews ATP evaluation efforts; and reports on the general health of the program and its effectiveness in achieving its legislatively mandated mission.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is balanced by ensuring the Committee composition reflects the wide diversity of technical disciplines and industrial sectors represented in ATP projects. Because ATP is industry-led, the Committee has significant representation from industry. Members are also drawn from other communities having an interest in ATP, such as, but not limited to, universities, state, local or tribal government bodies, non-profit research institutions, the venture capital community, the economics assessment community and other Federal agencies or laboratories.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

In a typical year the Committee meets at least once a year, and provides comments and feedback after each meeting. A more in-depth annual report is presented to the Secretary of Commerce that provides an assessment of the program, covering topics such as the effectiveness of the program in achieving the mission specified in its legislation, and recommendations for improving the program.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

ATP provides cost-shared awards on a competitive basis to industry for development of high-risk, enabling technologies that can form the basis for new and improved products, manufacturing processes, and services. Since ATP is an industry-led program, often with university involvement, it is important to have a committee comprised of members from industry, universities, and other organizations having an interest in the program to provide the necessary advice and expertise to keep the program grounded in its guiding principles and focused on its strategic plans.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee advises ATP and NIST on its budget and future planning. As a result, the Committee is thoroughly briefed at its meetings on budget planning and the progress of budgetary actions before the President's budget is released. Portions of the meetings are closed for these discussions in accordance with Section 552(b)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code, on the basis that they are likely to divulge matters that may significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Marc Stanley DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Armbrrecht, F. M. Ross	01/01/2006	12/31/2008	Executive Director, Delaware Foundation for Science & Mathematics Education	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Borrus, Michael	01/01/2006	12/31/2008	General Partner, X/Seed Capital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Byrd, John	01/01/2005	12/31/2007	President, The Association for Manufacturing Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cannon, Peter	01/01/2006	12/31/2008	VRE, Seaview Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haseltine, Eric	01/01/2005	12/31/2007	Associate Director of National Intelligence for Science & Technology, DNI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Powers, Linda	01/02/2005	12/31/2007	Managing Director, Toucan Capital Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Russell, Alan	01/01/2005	12/31/2007	Director, McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Univ. of Pittsburgh	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The Committee meets generally twice a year for discussion with ATP and NIST senior management and to provide feedback. In the past three years, the Committee has primarily examined the benefits of this program and has made recommendations to strengthen ties to states and universities and other federal agencies, as well as ways to improve R&D planning.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

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Trust in government

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Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

26

Number of Recommendations Comments

This will vary from year to year. In a typical year there might be 3 or 4 major recommendations as well as a number of minor suggestions. The Committee meets twice each year. Recommendations are summarized and compiled in the Committee's annual report.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

In the last report all of the major recommendations have been implemented to a considerable degree. Sometimes committee recommendations require ongoing continuing effect rather than a one-shot action to which an end-point can be defined. NIST strives to implement all of the recommendations of this committee unless they conflict with the ATP legislation or DoC policy. Implementation of some recommendations is out of the ATP's control (e.g., addressed to Congress).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

At each meeting, ATP and NIST officials brief the committee on actions taken in response to recommendations made previously by the Committee. Letters and emails to committee members between meetings may also be used to communicate new information and keep the Committee up to date on progress.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

ATP has taken steps to improve ties with states and universities. ATP has taken steps to coordinate with other federal agencies. ATP has become more sensitive to industrial

sectors, such as manufacturing.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

Annual reports of the Committee and meeting minutes are posted on the ATP website.